

REMARKS

I. THE REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 101

The Office Action rejects claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 101. In response, Applicants submit that the amendment to claim 1 obviates any basis for the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 are respectfully requested.

II. THE REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Office Action maintains the rejection of claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 112. To expedite prosecution of this application, Applicants cancel claim 8 herein. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application on the subject matter of claim 8. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 are respectfully requested.

III. THE INDICATION OF ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicants greatly appreciate that claims 2-4 are allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants submit that the amendment to claim 1 renders claims 1-4 allowable.

IV. Conclusion

Early consideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested. Should the Office require anything further, it is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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